## **Rural Action Plan**

Action Step	Accountability	Start	Complete
I. Organizational			
Recruit National Advisory Board.	Steering committee	Summer 2003	November 2003
<ul><li>Hold first in person Board meeting</li><li>Establish Board committees</li></ul>	Board		November 11 or 12, 2003
Develop written Board collaboration agreement	Board	Fall 2003	January 2004
Hire Project Manager	Board - Personnel Committee	Upon funding commitment	First Quarter 2004
II. Development			
Identify potential sources of funding	Steering committee, then Board Development committee	Summer 2003	Ongoing
Prepare funding proposals	Steering committee, then Board, then Project Manager	Summer 2003	Ongoing
III. Communications			
Establish secure list serve for rural legal services community	NLADA		Completed
Establish rural legal services website through FLAG ProBono.net site	FLAG	Summer 2003	Fall 2003
Develop rural legal services message	Board	Fall 2003	Ongoing
Disseminate information about rural legal services funding opportunities	Project Manager	First quarter 2003	Ongoing

IV. Training			
Include rural sessions at Equal Justice Conference	Don Saunders, Susan Patnode		Completed April 2003
Hold day-rural conference in conjunction with NLADA annual conference	NLADA/LSC/Steering Committee	Summer 2003	November 12, 2003
Establish 'library' of rural delivery best practices models	Board/Project Manager	First Quarter 2004	Ongoing
Hold National Rural Legal Services conference	Board/NLADA	2004	Fall 2005
V. Advocacy			
Establish relationship with Congressional Rural Caucus and other federal partners	Board/Project Manager	Second Quarter 2004	Ongoing
<ul> <li>Collaborate with and educate other rural providers and interest groups about legal services (e.g. RUPRI, National Rural Network, Rural Health Care)</li> </ul>	Board/Project Manager	Second Quarter 2004	Ongoing